

"TELEVISION FACTS"

FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW IF YOU ARE BUYING OR OWN A TELEVISION SET

By Phil Gibson

It's a Fact!

The other night we were in the home of friends who recently purchased a General Electric Television set from us. (Yes even our friends buy from us). And we were impressed with two things. Not with the Television set itself, because we already know how wonderful it is... or that particular program which we know to be good... but with the tremendous amount of entertainment it was providing for the young folks and the grandmother and grandfather of this particular family.

It's a Fact!

While mama and papa (like my good wife and me) are busy as bees with their business, social and civic activities demanding our full time and a lot of our "spare" time... the kids and older folks are often left to themselves as best they can.

It's a Fact!

That Television has opened up an entire new life for them at home. At the turn of the knob they are transferred on a magic carpet to the movies, to the theatre, to a night club, to the sports arena, to civic meetings and to on-the-spot news events which would often be impractical or impossible by any other means.

It's a Fact!

This contact for the children and the older folks with the great outside world by vision as well as voice... not only gives them a world of pleasure but certainly destroys that "guilty" feeling when it is often necessary to leave them at home.

It's a Fact!

That if you are not sure as to just what kind of set you want or whether you would be enjoyed enough to "give up" some other plans the family might have... just let us put a set into your home for a few days.

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span auditorium with maple flooring, a clubroom with a 16-stool "S" shaped counter and with tables to accommodate an additional 16 persons, a kitchen with facilities for providing a banquet for more than 250 persons and other facilities such as cloak room, storage room, and rest rooms.

Designed primarily for use of the local legion post the auditorium will be available for regular meetings of service clubs as well as for special occasions, Babbitt said.

Since ground was broken on the building in October of 1948 the crew at the helm has consisted of three Legionnaires who have "supervised" building construction, namely:

Lyle O'Hara, finance officer and business manager.

Tom Watson, plastering contractor.

Lyle Madsen, designer of the building.

"Rough-in" work was handled by Frank Norris while the on-the-job supervisor during the finishing stages of the building was directed by Paul Findley.

There was no general contractor for the 4000 square foot building. More than 90 percent of the labor was donated by members of the post.

Several members, building technicians by trade, furnished the legion with various materials needed at near-cost and donated their labor in the all-out effort to bring construction costs down.

Among them were: Jim Scott of Scott's Roofing Service; Reno Maddock of Maddock Electric Co.; Raymond De-tarr of Torrance Linoleum; and Tom Watson, Watson Plastering Co.

The Legion wished to express their appreciation to the many firms who contributed to the effort by supplying materials at near-cost prices. These firms included:

Azusa Rock and Sand Co., Beck Lumber Co., Arch Rib Truss Co., Mike Lang, plumber; J. R. Clark, concrete; Hammond Lumber Co., Olsen Glass Co., Clifford Monk, painting; Torrance Materials Co., H. Glenn Babcock, hardwood floors; Love-lady Hardware, Torrance Hardware, Barnetts Cabinet Shop, Toomey Building Materials, Torrance Sheet Metal, and Torrance Plumbing Co.

Some of the details of the building which are likely to impress the visitor are the lounge with its winding counter and sparkling asphalt tile flooring; its high-grain maple flooring in the auditorium which can accommodate 150 dancers or 250 banqueters, or an audience of 500 persons; in all, though not lavish, the structure is functional, practical, and brings to Torrance a much needed spot for business, professional and social gatherings.

On the job to receive members and their guests will be Jim "Blackie" Wilkes, silver-haired adjutant of the post in 1948. Wilkes has been designated as steward of the new clubhouse and will serve as "host" for members and their guests.

According to Commander Babbitt much of the credit for the job goes to members of the Board of Governors. They include: Paul Findley, chairman; Lyle O'Hara, co-chairman, business manager; Lyle Madsen, secretary, maintenance; Tom Watson, kitchen; James Burchett, publicity; James Scott, publicity; Sol Levine, club room; Ray Begue, custodian; Tom Babbitt, custodian.

Other than Babbitt the officers for the current year include: First vice-commander, Sol Levine; second vice-commander, Lyle Madsen; finance officer, Lyle O'Hara; service officer, F. J. "Pat" Boyle; historian, Bea Bundy; chaplain, Howard McDonald; sergeant-at-arms, Bill Dymond; assistant sergeant-at-arms, Ken Cunningham; adjutant, Edith White.

Among those who will participate in the opening night ceremonies will be James W. Post, who served in 1919-21, the first commander of the post. The following list indicates those who have served as commanders of



TURN-TO... All hands turn-to as these Legionnaires hold a "Field Day" in preparation of the inspection party of General John O. Public who will be the guest of honor at the gala dedication ceremonies of the new clubhouse this Saturday night. Upper left (l. to r.) Acting-Postmaster Louis Deininger and Jimmy Wray remove paint from windows. Middle left James Parks and Gordon Arnold apply finishing touches to the canopy over the restaurant range. Some of the expansiveness of the

auditorium (lower left) can be realized by looking at Glenn and Vern Babcock polishing the hardwood floors. Upper right; James R. Wilkes retained by the local post as steward, prepares for the opening by "doing dishes." Middle right; Pat Cunningham juggles piano bench while brother Ken helps Harry Atwood (hat) move piano onto dance floor. Lower right; Commander Tom Babbitt (left) helps Ray Begue spruce-up the back bar with new paint.—Herald Photos.

'Library' Broadcast Subject

Torrance and Torrance Library will be the topic presented at 9 to 9:15 this morning over radio station KGFJ (1230 on the dial) featuring Mrs. Dorothy H. Jamieson, Torrance city librarian.

Sponsored by the Los Angeles County Library, these weekly programs are designed to bring information about a particular city, the library's functioning, and its relation with the county. Mrs. Jamieson will give pertinent information about the trend of reading locally, and other related subjects.

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Rank Promoted to Martin of Captain

Ernest Martin, USA, former Torrance resident and presently an instructor at Kelly Field, Texas, has been promoted to captain, according to word received from San Antonio this week.

Captain Martin resides with his wife, the former Dorothy Hammon of Torrance, and their daughter in San Antonio.

Bedtime
The average American bedtime hour is 11 o'clock.

Torrance Woman Celebrates Real Mother's Day

Mother's Day meant a little more than usual this year to Mrs. Charles Sutton of 1310 West 318 street.

For at exactly 7:49 p.m. Mother's Day Mrs. Sutton gave birth to a nine-pound two-ounce baby boy. The birth took place at the Torrance Memorial hospital.

Fate of National Guard Armory For Torrance With Legislature

A National Guard armory large enough to accommodate all units currently meeting here may be the outcome of a \$6,000,000 appropriation request now under consideration in the State Legislature.

This was indicated recently by Major Gen. Daniel H. Hudelson, commanding general of the 40th division of the National Guard.

Budget discussion which will determine whether or not this community gets the "class A" armory, are currently under way in the Legislature.

The armory would be located on a two-acre site near Lincoln and Cabrillo avenues which has been selected for the purpose by the city council. Commanding officer of the local units is Lt. Col. Clyde Carpenter.

Although \$4,000,000 already has been appropriated for the guard's building program in this area, an additional \$6,000,000 are needed to realize the projected building plan, Hudelson stated.

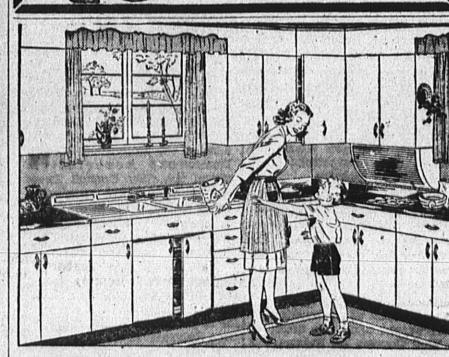
It is the \$6,000,000 appropriation which is the subject of debate in the Legislature.

However, said Hudelson, should the appropriation be denied and the \$4,000,000 currently available have to suffice, Torrance would only be allotted an armory large enough to house one unit.

Headquarters, two companies, and service units of the 578th Combat Engineer Battalion are currently meeting at the city park.

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